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SUBJ: VISIT OF AYEC EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, ANTE RUKAVINA

REF: STATE 265654; BRANDT/HUTSON LETTER OF OCTIBER 9, 1975

1. SUGGEST DEPARTMENT MAY WISH DISCUSS FOLLOWING WITH RUKAVINA:

2. BALANCE BETWEEN SCIENCES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES. POST BELIEVES
AYEC BOARD NOT IN AGREEMENT ON NEED TO REESTABLISH BALANCE
BETWEEN DISCIPLINES IN PROGRAM. BELEIVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR DEPART
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ALSO TO INDICATE IMPORTANCE THIS MATTER FROM US VIEWPOINT.

3. FINANCES. DEPARTMENT SHOULD GIVE RUKAVINA SOME INDICATION
OF AMOUNT WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR AYEC FOR FY 1976 AND 77
AS WELL AS AMOUNT OF DOLLAR SUPPORT EXPECTED FOR
YUGOSLAV STUDENTS AND SXHOLARS. QUESTION OF INCREASED GOY SUPPORT
SHOULD ALSO BE TAKEN UP. FYI, UNDERSTAND THAT SEVERAL
REPUBLICS HAVE NOT PAID THEIR SHARE OF GOY QUOTA FOR THIS YEAR.
DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO ASK WHEN THIS MONEY CAN BE EXPECTED.

4. GRADUATE STUDENT PROGRAM. AYEC BOARD PLANNING REVISE THIS
PROGRAM SINCE MOST YUGOSLAV STUDENTS CAN COMPLETE EDUCATION HERE
TO DOCTORATE LEVEL. THUS, WOULD
GIVE PRIORITY TO YUGOSLAV APPLICANTS WORKING ON DOCTORATE OR
THOSE IN RARE FIELDS WHERE MASTER'S CANNOT BE OBTAINED HERE.
SIMILARLY, BOARD FEELS REQUIREMENTS FOR US STUDENTS SHOULD BE
TIGHTENED. WOULD GIVE PRIORITY CONSIDERATION TO APPLICANTS WITH
SPECIFIC INTEREST IN YUGOSLAVIA AND AT LEAST SOME LINGUISTIC
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PREPARATION. US STUDENT PROGRAM WILL BE COMPLETELY UNDER AYEC

AUSPICES NEXT YEAR. BOARD PROPOSES RAISING STIPEND (SINCE PRESENT ONE INADEQUATE) AS WELL AS QUALIFICATIONS. THIS WOULD RESULT IN FEWER GRANTS BEING AVAILABLE SINCE WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE INCREASED GOY CONTRIBUTION FOR THIS PURPOSE.

5. SENIOR SCHOLAR PROGRAM: AYEC PLANS MORE SHORT TERM GRANTS FOR YUGOSLAV AND US PROFESSORS SINCE UNREALISTIC EXPECT THEM TO BE ABLE TO SPEND FULL AY OR EVEN SEMESTER AWAY FROM HOME INSTITUTIONS. POST EXPERIENCE IS THAT SHORT TERM GRANTEES, SUCH AS RIGGS, ENGLISH, MERGEN, USED TO MAXIMUM. THIS MIGHT NOT BE CASE IF THEY SPENT LONGER PERIOD IN YUGOSLAVIA. REALIZE THIS POSITION DIRECTLY CONTRARY TO VIEWS OF CERTAIN MEMBERS OF BFS. THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT RUKAVINA TALK TO BILLINGTON DIRECTLY ABOUT THIS AS WELL AS PROBLEM OF SUPPORT TO SEMINARS. POST SUGGESTS BILLINGTON VISIT YUGOSLAVIA TO INVESTIGATE THESE MATTERS FIRST HAND.

6. INSTITUTIONAL TIES: NEWER YUGOSLAV UNIVERSITIES NEED HELP ESTABLISHING WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH US UNIVERSITIES. MAY BE USEFUL FOR RUKAVINA TO TALK TO OFFICIALS OF SOME NATIONAL ORGANIZATION, SUCH AS AASCU, ABOUT WAYS TO MATCH NEEDS OF YUGOSLAV UNIVERSITIES IN CERTAIN FIELDS WITH ABILITIES AND INTERESTS OF US COUNTERPARTS. (SEE REF LETTER)

7. SUGGEST DEPARTMENT AVOID DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL PROBLEMS WITHIN AYEC STAFF. THIS TRULY BYZANTINE AFFAIR WHICH AMERICANS WELL ADVISED TO STAY OUT OF.

8. SEPTEL FOLLOWS ON STIPEND INCREASES FOR US GRANTEES.
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